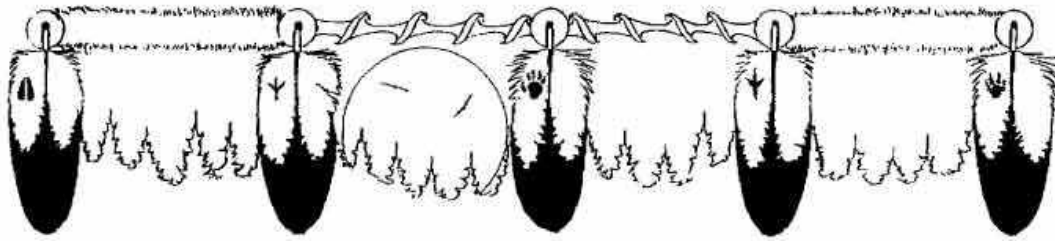


Menominee Nation News



Volume 24, Number 14

Saturday, July 22, 2000

50c

Menominee Chair on temporary medical leave

Special to
Menominee Nation News

Keshena, WI—Menominee Tribal Chair Apesanahkwat is on a month long medical leave according to MTL Vice-Chair Barbara Frechette Kelley. Kelley is now Acting Chair until Apesanahkwat returns on August 5.

"There are so many rumors regarding this leave," explained Kelley, "that I feel it is important to set the record straight. There is nothing wrong other than he needs a short amount of time to recharge his batteries so to speak." Kelley also stated that people need to understand the Tribal Chair's job is extremely stressful. "If Apesanahkwat needs some time off to rest and relax, then it is important that we respect that. Even with the leave, he is keeping up with Tribal business situations and we are able to reach him by phone at any time."

While it is human nature to speculate about such situations, Kelley is urging the community to think about how they would want to be treated if the situation happened to them or to a family member. "We need to work together and not be divisive," she said.

Menominee Landmark Brought Down



DOWNED WATER TOWER — Above, engineers with the Community Development Department, assessed the damage shortly after the water tower in Neopit was brought down on Monday afternoon. At right, a crew member with Steel Smith Tank Company, cut through one of the leg supports which controlled the course of the fall.

L. Tucker/MNN

Bulk Rate
U.S. Postage
Paid
Keshena, WI
Permit No. 16

Menominee Nation News
P.O. Box 910
Keshena, WI 54135-0910
Change Service Requested

DNC Chair criticizes Republicans for anti-Native American rhetoric

Washington, D.C. — Democratic National Committee (DNC) National Chair Joe Andrew criticized the Washington State Republican party today for passing a resolution calling for the abolition of tribal governments.

"Trying to dissolve tribal sovereignty is an insult to Native Americans across the nation," said Andrew. "I call upon Governor George W. Bush and the Republican National Committee to publicly denounce these unjust and racist actions by the Washington State Republican party."

Last week, the Washington Republican party passed a resolution which stated: "Therefore be it resolved that the executive and legisla-

tive branches of the federal government immediately take whatever steps necessary to terminate all such nonrepublican forms of government on Indian reservations, and compensate those citizens who have wrongly suffered loss due to denial of their constitutionally guaranteed rights to be governed by a republican form of government." (*The Spokesman-Review* 7/3/00)

A representative of the Washington Republicans plans on bringing the issue before the entire party at the Republican National Convention in July. (*Associated Press* 7/12/00)

"That any political body, espe-

See **DISCRIMINATION** page 2

Inside this issue

- 3 Comments
- 5-7 Community
- 8 Happy Ads
- 9 Vital Statistics
- 10-12 Community
- 13 Senior
- 14-15 Minutes

DISCRIMINATION:

cially one claiming to work within a 'republican form,' could write and pass such discriminatory rhetoric is unconscionable," said Andrew. "It is hard to believe that even Republicans could come up with something this inflammatory."

Andrew also lambasted the Washington Republicans for suggesting the use of US Armed Forces to remove tribal government authority. As one Washington Republican exclaimed, "if Indians don't like it, send in troops." (The Spokesman-Review, 7/5/00)

"The notion that the U. S. should send troops to overtake the Native Americans is incredibly offensive," said Andrew, "Maybe the Republicans need to send troops to rein in their out-of-control state parties and far-right wing leaders."